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In re application of

Sacha Adrianus Fokke Taco VAN HIJUM et al. Confirmation No.2951

Serial No. 09/995,587

GROUP 1652

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Examiner: M. Rao

NOVEL FRUCTOSYL TRANSFERASES

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of July 3, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

CANCEL claim 10.

Amend claim 12 as follows:

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--12. (amended) A probiotic or symbiotic composition  
containing a *Lactobacillus* strain capable of producing an inulin,  
a levan or fructo-oligosaccharides according to claim 15 and  
optionally a glucan.--

Amend claim 14 as follows:

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--14. (amended) A process of improving the microbial  
status of the mammalian colon comprising administering an

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